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Sec. 3. The board of health shall inspect and supervise the alteration and repair of said building or premises and when the same are completed in accordance with its instructions, shall issue a certificate to that effect.

Sec. 4. In case the board of health orders a building or premises to be vacated, it shall be unlawful for any person to occupy said building or premises, or for the owner or agent to permit or allow the same to be done, until the board of health has issued the certificate mentioned in the previous section.

Sec. 5. In case the board of health declares a building or premises a nuisance and orders alterations and repairs, as hereinbefore provided, it shall be unlawful for the owner or agent to neglect or refuse to abate such nuisance by making the alterations or repairs as directed.

Sec. 6. In case the owner or agent of any building or premises declared a nuisance as hereinbefore provided, shall neglect or refuse to abate the same as directed, the city engineer shall cause the alterations or repairs to be made under the supervision of the board of health, and the expense incurred in removing or abating said nuisance shall be a lien upon the building or premises, or may be recovered in personal action against the owner of said building or premises.

Sec. 7. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by fine not to exceed \$100, or imprisonment not to exceed six months, or both, for each offense.

Sec. 8. All ordinances and orders, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed, and this ordinance shall take effect and be in force on and after the ____ day of ____, 1901.

Enacted December 16, 1901.

_____, President.

_____, Secretary.

PORTO RICO.

Reports from Ponce.

PONCE, P. R., January 6, 1902.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended January 4, 1902, together with the summary of the transactions of this station, and report of the inspection of immigrants for the month of December, 1901.

The German steamship *Valencia*, from Curacao, Puerto Cabello, La Guayra, and Sanchez, arrived on the 1st instant. She was held in quarantine to prevent landing of transit passengers, taking cargo under guard. No passengers for Ponce. Five vessels were inspected and passed and 3 bills of health were issued.

The sanitary condition of the city improves slowly and is fairly good considering the present circumstances.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Summary of transactions of service during the month of December, 1901.

PONCE, P. R., January 1, 1902.

Total number of vessels inspected during December, 1901.....	22
Total number of vessels inspected during December, 1900.....	14
Total number of bills of health issued during December, 1901.....	24
Total number of bills of health issued during December, 1900.....	18
Number of passengers inspected during December, 1901 (incoming).....	169
Number of passengers inspected during December, 1901 (in transit).....	361
Number of crew inspected during December, 1901.....	1,100
Number of immigrants inspected during December, 1901.....	29
Rejections.....	0
Number of vessels in quarantine during December, 1901.....	5
Number of pieces of baggage disinfected during December, 1901.....	59
Number of pieces of baggage inspected and passed during December, 1901.....	83
Number of sacks of mail disinfected during December, 1901.....	4

PONCE, P. R., *January 13, 1902.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended January 11, 1902. Also the mortality report of the city for the month of December, 1901, which shows 98 deaths. This is the lowest death rate, 21.4, since the beginning of the reports from this office in April, 1899, and shows a low mortality considering the unsanitary conditions.

During the week 1 vessel was inspected and passed, and 3 bills of health were issued.

Nothing special of interest in quarantine or sanitary lines has occurred.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,

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MORTALITY STATISTICS.

Number and causes of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction (city, playa, and surrounding country) during the month of December, 1901.

PONCE, P. R., *January 9, 1902.*

Diseases of—		Tuberculosis.....	6
Digestive system.....	40	Cancer.....	3
Respiratory system.....	10	Wounds.....	2
Circulatory system.....	7	Cachexiæ senile.....	1
Nervous system.....	6	Peritonitis.....	1
Anæmia, malnutrition, inanition.....	8	Syphilis.....	1
Malaria.....	11	Total.....	98
Nephritis.....	1		
Rhachitis.....	1		

Number of deaths reported during December, 1901 (a)..... 98

Number of deaths reported during December, 1900 (a)..... 229

Number of births reported during December, 1901 (a)..... 157

Number of births reported during December, 1900 (a)..... 85

a These figures are for the city proper, the playa, and surrounding district of Ponce, P. R.

Inspection of immigrants at Ponce for the week ended January 4, 1902.

PONCE, P. R., *January 6, 1902.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended January 4, 1902. January 3, French steamship *St. Domingue*, from Fort de France and Santo Domingo, with 4 immigrants.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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Report of immigrants inspected at the port of Ponce, P. R., during the month of December, 1901.

Total number of immigrants inspected, 29; number passed, 29.

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